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Sir:

As indicated on page 8, third paragraph, of counsel's amendment filed in the Patent Office on January 13, 2003, enclosed please find a certified translation of the German priority application number 199 39 852.6, filed August 23, 1999. A claim for priority is also enclosed.

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